

## DISTRICT MILITIA SEE LITTLE CHANCE FOR BORDER FIGHT

Mexican Line 'So Thoroughly  
Guarded Camp Wilson Boys  
Not Likely to Be Called.

### FACE CHARGE OF DESERTION

Company A Members Go A-  
Court and Are Arraigned  
by Sheriffs.

By Staff Correspondent.

CAMP WILSON, San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 28.—While anxious for border service, the District militiamen profess to see little probability of action for them in the rumors of attacks by Mexicans which Secretary Baker says have been planned.

The border is known to be patrolled by such large numbers of militiamen and regulars that the Washington soldiers are inclined strongly to doubt the suicidal mania with which Mexican bandits are said to be possessed. Officers in the southern department say it is extremely improbable that any of the soldiers at Camp Wilson, 120 miles from the border, would be needed to repel any attack bandits might make.

### Alleged Deserters Captured.

Privates Edward Sullivan and Harry Rodkinson, of Company A, were returned to Camp Wilson today by two sheriffs from Taylor, Texas, where the militiamen were arrested as fugitives. The two soldiers will be court-martialed for desertion, the sheriffs having been paid \$50 reward for capturing each of them. Both militiamen said they walked 115 miles to see two Texas girls they met while traveling from Washington to Camp Wilson.

One hundred of the handsomest and most proficient soldiers in the old District militia were entertained at a Hal-lowsen party at the San Antonio Y. W. C. A. last night. Only the soldiers with the best records were allowed to attend the party.

### Officers There, Too.

Although the affair was given for the enlisted men, the Y. W. C. A. girls insisted on the attendance of Col. Glendie R. Young and Lieut. Col. Anton Stephan, these officers' fame as chivalrous gallants, having preceded them to San Antonio. Chaplain Arthur Lewis Smith assisted in the receiving line and acquainted the pretty girls with the soldier boys.

Troop A returned to Camp Wilson late yesterday afternoon, having ridden thirty miles on the return march from Leon Springs, where the eighty cavalymen participated in pistol practice with blank ammunition. The troopers are still stiff and sore from their march, having trotted their horses the greater part of the thirty miles.

A report reached the Third Regiment last night that a member of troop A had been killed by his horse. Investigation disclosed the fact that the man was Herbert Bowman, a member of Troop I, Sixteenth Cavalry, of which the District militiamen form a part.

The regiment underwent inspection by Gen. Henry R. Hill, Colonel Young, Major Henderson, McCathran, and Summers and the company commander today.

## Senorita Wins First Woman Radio License

Maria Dolores Estrada, Slip of a Girl From Revolution-Swept Republic, Now a Full-Fledged  
Wireless Operator.

To a slip of a girl from Mexico—Maria Dolores Estrada—belongs the distinction of winning the first wireless operator's license of the first grade ever granted to a woman in this country.

About this same slip of a girl, with her olive skin, her flashing black eyes, and her petite figure might be woven a vivid romance of war and death.

Maria is a child of the Mexican revolution, a daughter of the reign of terror that has ruled over Mexico these last few years. Born of a proud family, whose name has been known not only in Mexico for generations, but throughout Central America, it was her lot to be caught up in the whirlpool of later-day Mexican politics.

At the age when many girls in this country are just leaving home for boarding school, Maria was watching men kill each other in frenzy of battle. She has known what it is to languish, starving and without water, in one of those horrible Mexican prisons; and she has hidden, terror-stricken, first alone, while the terrible Villa and his more terrible bandit followers, have searched from house to house to find her.

For two years before she came to Washington she served on the official staff of Gen. Venustiano Carranza, first chief of the de facto government of Mexico and leader of the rebellion against Huerta.

When Maria came to this city last January she could not speak a word of English. Her father having died when she was only twelve years of age, she had learned telegraphy, and at fifteen was a government telegrapher in Zacatecas when Madero unfurled the banner of rebellion against Diaz in 1910.

Eventually she came to the attention of Carranza, who employed her at once as his private telegrapher on his official staff. Last January the first chief decided that she should come to the United States to learn English. She was brought here by Paicini, former minister of public instruction, and his wife, who, with the assistance of Ambassador-designate Arredondo, had her entered in the Fairmount Seminary as official ward of the Mexican government.

But Maria wanted more than a knowledge of English. She heard that by using her spare time she could add to her knowledge of telegraphy a knowledge of wireless telegraphy.

How she applied herself is mutely testified to by the certificate which she proudly holds as a first-grade wireless operator. And because there was more time that could be spent to advantage in this wonderful country of opportunity, Maria also learned stenography.

Next week she returns to Mexico. Her mother is back in Mexico City, the Mexican government having seen to it at Carranza's dictation that the mother should receive the daughter's salary while the daughter was in school here.

### Will Never Forget.

Never, never, says Maria, will she forget that day when the news was flashed to her over the wire at Zacatecas that Madero had proclaimed his revolution, and was calling on all true men of Mexico to rise against the tyrant Diaz.

There were no men in Maria's family. Her father was dead. Her brother had died quite young. But the spirit of the Estrada glowed in the veins of the girl. With her mother she went to

Madero, and offered her services, which were accepted. Night after night she worked at her key, until her eyes gave out and she was sent to Monterey to have them treated.

Things were moving swiftly in Mexico those days. While at Monterey the girl heard of the assassination of Madero and the usurpation of authority by Huerta. Learning that Gen. Rafael G. was still loyal to the Maderista cause, she reported to him, and was stationed at Masapul in the state of Zacatecas.

It was while there, alone with her mother, that Huerta's troops passed through the town on their way to attack the revolutionists under General Cos. Before they could cut the wires, Maria had warned General Cos, but her act was discovered, and with her mother she was taken prisoner.

The captors destroyed the telegraph apparatus, seized all papers, and commanded the two women to accompany them. Strapped to the backs of two donkeys, they were taken fifteen miles over rough country to Concepcion Delo, where they were thrown into a filthy prison.

In Prison Twenty-two Days.

For twenty-two days they were kept there, the threat of death hanging over their heads. Bread that was moldy and but little of that was given them to eat. Often they were without water. They scarcely dared sleep.

Then came General Gutierrez and attacked the Huertistas in the town. "From the window of my cell," said Maria Estrada, as she sat in the drawing room of Mrs. S. T. Macaulay, at the Alabama apartments, with whom she has been living, "I saw the battle. For fourteen hours it raged. More than 600 Huertistas I saw killed. I saw the leaves of the window for I feared we should not be seen and rescued."

For four months after that the girl served on the staff of General Gutierrez. Her mother, made ill by her imprisonment, had been sent to Monterey. It was while on leave of absence to visit her mother, that she met General Cos, who, profuse in his admiration of her pluck and bravery in saving his command, introduced her to General Carranza. When the latter heard what she had done, he insisted that she should join his staff, which she did.

She accompanied the first chief on his triumphal entry into Mexico City, after Huerta's overthrow. Then Carranza had to go, leaving her in charge of the telegraph key in the national palace. It was while she was thus employed that Villa, having broken with Carranza, invaded the capital. He had heard of Maria and wanted her with him. For thirteen days she hid in the cellars of Chapultepec Castle, while soldiers at Villa's direction made a house to house search for her.

When the bandit leader and his followers had gone, the girl got in touch with Carranza, and was with him to report to him at Cordoba, and was with him when the first chief entered Vera Cruz after the evacuation by the American forces.

"But, señor," she insists, "it is nothing. I have only served my country but little."

False Teeth Bad;  
He Sues His Dentist

CLEVELAND, Oct. 28.—Alexander Kamler sued his dentist because he couldn't use his false teeth. To convince the judge, Kamler gnawed a court attendant's finger until he winced. Kamler lost his suit.

## 250 "MUM" VARIETIES TO BE SHOWN HERE

Annual Exhibition of Department of Agriculture to Open  
Monday Morning.

More than 250 varieties of chrysanthemums, including pompons, will be placed on exhibition this year at the annual "mum" show of the Department of Agriculture, which opens at 9 o'clock Monday morning and will last until 9 o'clock Sunday night.

The flowers to be shown are in the greenhouses at Fourteenth and B streets southwest. According to a statement from the Department of Agriculture, "while the weather man has not furnished real chrysanthemum weather, the flowers are in good condition and the color display is dazzling."

Among the new varieties to be shown this year are the "Mrs. G. G. Mason," "Dawn of Day," "Lord Hope-ton," and "J. T. Raynor." These plants are of the bronze variety, the upper part of the petals being red and the lower part gold.

The "Earl Kitchener," grown from imported stock, is a sturdy-looking bloom, of an amaranth or purplish shade.

"Lady Grace" is a pure white variety, with incurved upper petals and reflex lower petals.

The "Marigold" is a large yellow bloom, almost a perfect sphere. Many of the notable varieties are also to be seen, notably the "James Wilson,"

a creation of the Department of Agriculture; the "Queen Mary," the "Bob Pullen," and a host of others. One of the most striking varieties of the pompons is the "Lillian Doty." This is a long-stemmed plant, with white or pink blossoms in clusters. A new early-flowering pompon seedling, with a new white blossom, is the "Mrs. Floyd Harrison." Another seedling, which has not yet been named, is a remarkably beautiful golden pompon, a "sport," or variation, of the "Golden West" pompon.

### Knights of King Arthur Form Two New Castles

The organization and naming of two new castles and the election of officers was the principal business of the convocation of the Knights of King Arthur at the Y. M. C. A. last night.

W. R. McMillan, organizer of the local convocation, was re-elected marshal. Norman Taylor, merlin; Rev. W. W. Sheerer, dubric; Minor Stout, king; Sam Solomon, squire; Fred Bailey, chancellor; Howard Dorsett, constable, and Stanley McGhee, seneschal, were the other officers elected.

Fifty clergymen and sixty-four laymen were present. The new castles are to be established at the Church of the Ascension at Twelfth and Massachusetts avenue, and at St. Alban's School.

### Prisoner Slips Out Of Sweater, Escapes

EASTON, Pa., Oct. 28.—A man alleged to be George Pinto, wanted at Binghamton, N. Y., on a charge of shooting three men, one of whom died, escaped today, when he slipped out of a sweater after Chief of Police Lewis, of Bangor, had grabbed him. After a running gun fight through the woods, he made a get-away. Detective Henry Burke, of Binghamton, had reached Bangor after receiving information to the effect that Pinto was there.

### Takes 102 Prisoners; Gets Victoria Cross

LONDON, Oct. 28.—One of fifteen Victoria crosses, the award of which are made in today's London Gazette, is to

Private Thomas Jones, who, according to the official account, after killing three snipers who were shooting at him, entered the German trenches and, single handed, disarmed 102 Germans, including three or four officers. He marched them back to the British lines through a heavy barrage fire.

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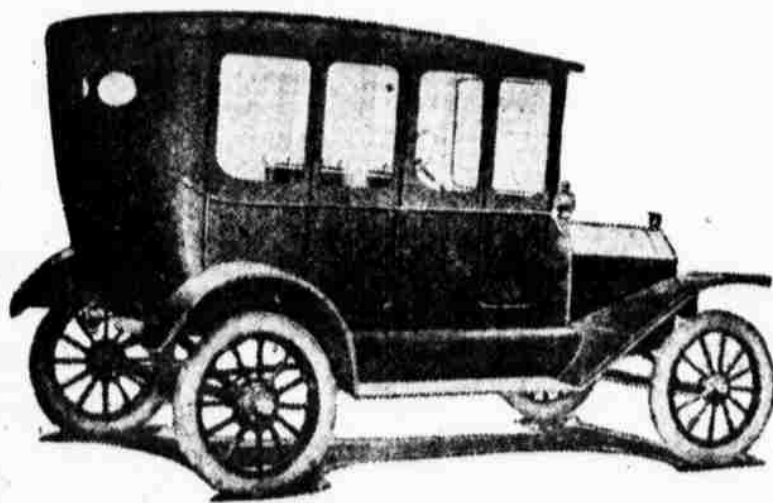
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- 2—The Mitchell Springfield Type Sedan
- 3—Cabriolet—The Mitchell Coupe—Roadster
- 4—All-Season Limousines and Coupes

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First, there is a dearth of cars this fall fitted for year-round service. And those are the coming types. There will not be half enough.

Second, in the Mitchell models—the advance designs—there is a very small production. And you'll prefer these models.

### A 20-Fold Demand

We suppose the demand for all-season types has increased twenty-fold in a year.

And history shows that when a trend gains that momentum it soon dominates the field.

So this is sure: A large percentage of buyers hereafter will demand one car for all weathers and seasons. That demand is rooted in good sense, so it is bound to flourish.

But it has grown so fast that fine-car makers this fall cannot half-way meet it. There will be an enormous shortage. So folks who seek a car of this sort should decide at once.

### Next-Year Models

The Mitchell luxury models—now on exhibit—are designs just completed for the 1917 Shows.

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